



Winter
2023

Food recycling success

A project to recycle food waste in Penryn student residences has been so successful that it is being rolled out across our campuses.

Last year we worked with Cornwall Waste Solutions to encourage students to separate food waste in parts of Glasney village. The waste was sent to an anaerobic digestion plant to be turned into electricity, fuel and fertiliser. Since the addition of the new food waste bins, a tonne more food waste has been sent to the anaerobic digestion facilities than the same period the year before. There are now plans to add the new food bins to more locations.



Helping our local Foodbank

We've been supporting the Foodbank with a collection point at our Penryn Campus.

The Foodbank is a community organisation that works to support local people unable to feed themselves or their family. We welcomed donations of food items, toiletries, household products and pet food in the Lower Stannary, along with specific items in short supply such as nappies, baby snacks and washing tablets. To find out more about the Foodbank and local collection points, visit penrynfalmouth.foodbank.org.uk



Pack for Good raises thousands

Students and staff have helped to raise £9,675 and divert 5.5 tonnes of 'waste' from landfill via the British Heart Foundation Pack for Good campaign this year.

Pack for Good encourages students who are moving out of their accommodation to donate unwanted items including books, household goods and clothes, with staff also being invited to donate. This year, 691 bags were collected - the equivalent of 32,462 kg of CO₂.



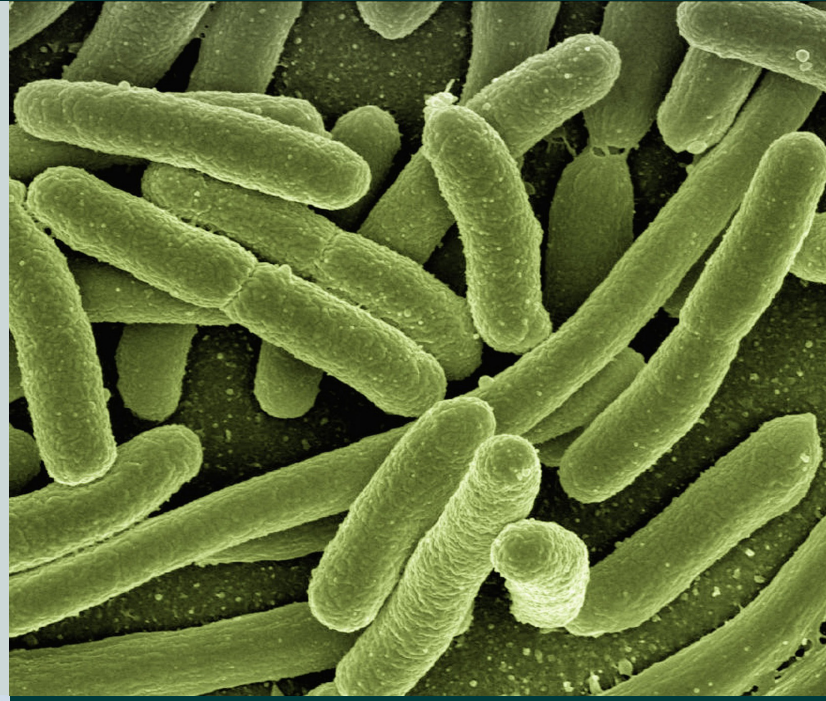


£14 million awarded to fight “next global pandemic”

The University of Exeter has recently been awarded £14 million for antimicrobial resistance (AMR) research.

AMR occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites evolve to become resistant to commonly used antimicrobial drugs making infections harder to treat and increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness and death. It is considered one of the greatest health challenges of our time and widely acknowledged as the “next global pandemic”.

The University’s One Health approach will bring together academics across a range of disciplines to develop solutions that could benefit the global population and stop deaths.



The Economic Impact of the University of Exeter in Cornwall

An independent economic study of the University of Exeter’s economic activities in the 2020/21 academic year identified our Cornwall campuses’ clear contribution to the Cornish economy.

In total, the University contributed £73.5 million of Gross Value Added (GVA) to the Gross Domestic Product of the Cornwall economy and supported 1,900 jobs. Students’ expenditure contributed around £26.1 million GVA and supported 520 jobs and our research staff contributed £18 million in research funding during the period. Our spending with local suppliers and contractors in Cornwall contributed £9.5 million to local GVA and supported 400 jobs.

Award-winning Business School

The University of Exeter Business School has been named Business School of the Year in the 2022 Times Higher Education Awards.

The accolade is among the most prestigious in the industry and in recognition of the School’s commitment to addressing the climate crisis.

From September this year we will be offering new masters courses in Penryn including MSc Sustainable Business Management, with the pathways MSc Sustainable Business Management: Tourism & MSc Sustainable Business Management: Environment, alongside our undergraduate business courses.

Visit business-school.exeter.ac.uk





Pair teams up with Tim Peake

Falmouth Acting BA graduate Rachel Harrison and Film BA student Ben Pisacane worked with British astronaut Tim Peake as part of the University's ongoing collaboration with Spaceport Cornwall.

Rachel co-hosted alongside Tim on a special *Countdown 2 Launch* broadcast ahead of the historic first-ever launch of a rocket and satellite into space from UK soil, while Ben filmed an interview with the space legend at London's Science Museum.

It is hoped that the broadcast, commissioned by Spaceport for a school-age audience, will offer a revealing glimpse into the possibilities of a career in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people across the UK.

The cream of the crop

Students at Falmouth University lent their expertise to Penzance agri-business Varfell Farms, developing a daffodil picking robot that could lead to a quicker, more efficient crop harvest.

In partnership with Falmouth's business and robotics academics, Falmouth University's Cornwall Business School and Games Academy students, Varfell's agri-tech hackathon event explored a range of ideas relating to flower picking.

"We need coders, web developers, AI specialists and electronics professionals to help change the future of agriculture," said Varfell director Simon Gardner.



Hands-on help for local charities

Staff are set to volunteer their time as part of a new initiative launched to celebrate Falmouth University's 120th year as part of a unique community.

Every member of staff at the University and FX Plus can now donate one day's paid work every year to one of 12 local charities – which include Cornwall Seal Sanctuary, Surfers Against Sewage and Penryn Memory Café.



Spreading the safety message

Bars, clubs and bus shelters across Cornwall were emblazoned with an important message this winter, encouraging people to be active bystanders and safely challenge undesirable behaviour towards women and girls.

When Falmouth's Creative Advertising BA and MA students were tasked by Cornwall's community safety partnership Safer Cornwall to develop a communications campaign, they used theories of behavioural science and striking design techniques to grab attention. Justyna Skowronska's winning concept was rolled out as a local poster campaign and also across social media channels.



AMATA

Live up the post-Christmas lull with a family outing to *The Snow Beast*, a fun-filled show that features storytelling, original music and interactive science experiments.

Coming to AMATA – Falmouth University’s public performance venue – on 11 February, The Scratchworks Theatre Company production promises an action-packed adventure through the wild, wintry wilderness in search of the mythical beast.

You’ll find a packed schedule of stand-up, comedy, music, dance and theatre at AMATA in spring, featuring world-class artists and performers. For more info and tickets, visit amata.org.uk

Hire our sports hall

Our four-court sports hall is available to book for a variety of sports and activities, including bouncy castle parties. To find out more, email fitnesscentre@fxplus.ac.uk or call 01326 370770



Our warm and welcoming campus

Everyone is welcome to visit our cafés on campus. For a warm, local space to eat or drink, the Stannary Kitchen at Penryn and Fox Café at Falmouth serve affordable breakfasts and lunchtime meals. Our Penryn Campus Sustainability Café is a great place to relax and enjoy a hot drink, cake or sandwich.

Koofi is offering two vegan or margarita pizzas for £10 or two pepperoni pizzas for £11.50. Enjoy a buy one, get one free offer on hot drinks between 3pm-5pm on weekdays.

Visit fxplus.ac.uk/food-drink for the latest offers.

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